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**Press Release: Department of Education Releases Accountability Determinations for Schools**

**Audience: All**

The Vermont Department of Education released 2010 school accountability determinations as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) today. More information on school and district performance can be found on the department's Web site at

[http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/dept/press\\_releases/educ\\_pr\\_ayp\\_10\\_0511\\_packet.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/dept/press_releases/educ_pr_ayp_10_0511_packet.pdf) and [http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm\\_accountability.html#AYP](http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm_accountability.html#AYP).

Contact: Jill Remick, Communications Director, at (802) 828-3154 or [jill.remick@state.vt.us](mailto:jill.remick@state.vt.us) or Gail Taylor, Director of Standards & Assessment, at (802) 828-5158 or [gail.taylor@state.vt.us](mailto:gail.taylor@state.vt.us)

**NECAP Science Bias/Item Review**

**Audience: Principals, Curriculum Coordinators, Science Chair, Teachers**

Once again the department is requesting your help and expertise in support of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). On August 3-5, a NECAP Bias/Item Review session will take place at the Stowe/Flake Hotel. The purpose of this session will be to review the science items that are proposed to be on the 2011 Spring NECAP Science Assessment. Go to

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#bias> for more information and to register.

Contact: Mary Ann Minardo at (802) 828-5410 or [maryann.minardo@state.vt.us](mailto:maryann.minardo@state.vt.us)

**Student State Board of Education Member Application**

**Audience: Principals, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors**

The Governor's Office is accepting applications for a student appointment to the State Board of Education. Vermont is one of the few states with a full voting student member on its State Board of Education. This is an exciting opportunity for Vermont's young people – please distribute this information to your students. Secondary students who will graduate **in 2012** or later are eligible to apply for the two-year term on the Board. During the student member's first year, he or she will be a non-voting member. During the second year, he or she will have voting rights along with the eight other adult members. The term for the student who is chosen will begin on July 1, 2010. The deadline for applications to be returned is **Friday May 21, 2010**. Go to: [http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainboard.html#sbe\\_form](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/mainboard.html#sbe_form).

Contact: Carol C. King, State Board Liaison, at (802) 828-5101 or [carol.c.king@state.vt.us](mailto:carol.c.king@state.vt.us)

**2010 Spring Student Census Training Schedule**

**Audience: Registrars, Administrative Support, Student Information Systems Support Persons or any school personnel who are responsible for completing the Fall and/or Spring Student Census Training Schedule. Please choose one session:**

<b>May 24</b>	10:00 a.m. – Noon	St. Albans	St. Albans Town Elementary (Kiva Room)
<b>May 26</b>	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Proctor	Proctor Jr/Sr High (Library)
<b>May 28</b>	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Montpelier	Pavilion Auditorium/109 State Street

**Space is limited; please register immediately** by calling (802) 828-3777 or e-mailing [glenn.bouchard@state.vt.us](mailto:glenn.bouchard@state.vt.us). Visit <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#stalbans> for more information.

Contact: Glenn Bouchard at (802) 828-3777 or [glenn.bouchard@state.vt.us](mailto:glenn.bouchard@state.vt.us)

**Reminder: Superintendents Support Letters for Vermont Broadband Applications**

**Audience: Superintendents, Technology Coordinators**

This is a reminder about the e-mail that Peter Drescher, our Education Technology Coordinator, sent out yesterday concerning the due diligence phase of the Broadband Opportunities Program. At this point, it appears likely that funding will take place on this project, but the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is requesting another round of supporting letters from the anchor institutions, which are your schools.

If you could read Peter's email and copy and paste the text as he indicates and email it back to him **by Friday, May 14**, it would help solidify the application process and make a difference for your schools.

Contact: Peter Drescher, Education Technology Coordinator, at (802) 828-5149 or [peter.drescher@state.vt.us](mailto:peter.drescher@state.vt.us)

**From the Department of Health:**

**Reminder: Reimbursement for Schools Due to H1N1 Clinic Participation (Attachment)**

**Audience: Principals, Superintendents, Business Managers, School Health Professionals**

During the 2009-2010 H1N1 influenza, many Vermont schools took important steps to keep the flu from spreading. One of the greatest success stories of this effort was the effectiveness of the school-based vaccination clinics. The hard work and participation of school and local health staff helped Vermont achieve a 72 percent vaccination rate for children ages 6 months to 17 years – the second highest vaccination rate in the nation. **For the purposes of documentation and reimbursement, it is important for the Vermont Departments of Education and Health to know the role your school played in school-based vaccination clinics.** Please complete the form attached and return it by **May 14, 2010** to: Vermont Department of Health - Attn: Emily Hamlin, 108 Cherry Street, PO Box 70, Burlington, VT 05401-007 or *Via Fax*: (802) 863-7483, Attn: Emily Hamlin.

We will be unable to reimburse schools that return incomplete or late forms. Please return your completed form by **May 14**.

***If your school did not participate in a school-based clinic, you may disregard this form.***

Contact: Emily Hamlin at [Emily.hamlin@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:Emily.hamlin@ahs.state.vt.us)

**Take the Vermont H1N1 Flu Response Survey - May 10-15, 2010**

**Audience: Superintendents, Principals, School Nurses, Other Staff Involved in H1N1 Clinics**

April 26th marked the one-year anniversary of the start of the 2009 H1N1 flu response in Vermont.

Thanks to the efforts of so many of you, more than 200,000 Vermonters have been vaccinated.

Now is the time to evaluate the state's response to the H1N1 flu over the past 12 months. To help our assessment effort, we have designed a survey to record the opinions, perspectives and insights of local and state leaders and professionals in public health, health care, education, emergency management and others who have been directly involved with, or affected by, the state's actions in responding to the flu.

We ask you to take the confidential survey and let us know what you think. We will not ask your name, and your responses will not be linked to identifying information. All responses will be reported only in groups that will ensure confidentiality. Data collected from the survey will be included in an after-action report and improvement plan to strengthen the state's capacity, capabilities and coordination in dealing with flu and other public health events and emergencies. The link to the 15-20 minute survey for response partners is posted on the Health Department's Web site at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov) – or can be accessed directly at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TYCFQGD>

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[http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/field\\_memo.html](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/field_memo.html). Field Memos and the corresponding attachments are available for download. For Field Memo information three months or older, or for other questions, please contact Jill Remick, communications director, at (802) 828-3154 or [jill.remick@state.vt.us](mailto:jill.remick@state.vt.us).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

For the Department of Education Web site see: <http://education.vermont.gov/>. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at:

<http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html>.

Main Department Line: (802) 828-3135

NOTE: For comments or questions specific to the messages above, please contact the person listed. DO NOT reply to this message.

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